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1. Dominican Republic

US and Brazilian troops were involved today in controlling the sporadic rioting in the capital set off by yesterday's serious outbreak in Santiago. A new general strike seems to be building up as rebel sympathizers demand the ouster of top armed forces commanders whom they call responsible for the Santiago fighting.

Given the continuing agitation by extremists and the emotional and very deep divisions between the contending Dominican factions, new outbreaks may well be in the offing.

Although the Garcia Godoy government itself does not appear immediately threatened, its fourteen-week effort to restore the basis for some degree of political calm has been set back sharply.

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3. Cyprus

An official Turkish spokesman said yesterday that his government has no intention of accepting the recent United Nations' resolution on Cyprus. He repeated the standard warning that Turkey would intervene promptly in Cyprus if new violations should occur.

Students in Istanbul have begun demonstrations protesting the resolution. US officials there believe that because of the high degree of national frustration, the demonstrations may get out of hand.

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4. Rhodesia

Ambassador Good believes that Zambia's future is seriously threatened. He and key British officials in Lusaka agree that there is no more than a fifty-fifty chance of maintaining the stability of the country.

The ambassador blames this on Britain's "quick-kill" policy against Rhodesia which led London to announce the embargo before a petroleum airlift to Zambia could be worked out. Now it is feared that severe oil rationing in Zambia would encourage a wholesale exodus of crucial European workers and this would cripple the economy and threaten the government.

The Zambian Government in turn is likely to start pressuring for a much larger airlift. Foreign Minister Kapwepwe will undoubtedly stress this during his visits to London and Washington this week.

Algeria's break with London on Saturday rounded out a show of solidarity by all the more militant African countries. The nine which have acted so far include all those, except Uganda, which formed a consortium a year ago to give support to the Congolese rebels.

5. India

US officials in New Delhi have completed a new assessment of the food situation in India. They continue to believe that grain production will total about 76 million tons and that 11 million tons of US grain, plus one million tons from other sources, will be needed to meet minimum requirements.

Even with imports of this magnitude, however, the reduction in available food supplies would still exceed the six percent deemed the maximum tolerable by the US Department of Agriculture.

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Indonesia's basic intentions here are still not clear. It may be that the army would like to replace confrontation with a policy of exploiting tensions between Singapore and Malaysia and within the Malaysian Federation itself.

There are also signs that the army is now backing away from its plans to nationalize US oil interests.

7. Communist China

Peking has told many of its senior diplomats abroad to return home by the end of the month. Apparently a major review of Chinese foreign policy has been scheduled.

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9. North Vietnam

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10. West Germany

11. Yemen

The badly stalemated Haradh Conference apparently broke up over the weekend. Diplomatic sources are convinced that the conference will stay adjourned at least until the religious holidays end late next month.

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